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Regarding Point V

Substantiated finding with regard to novelty, inventive activity and commercial applicability; documents and explanations in support of this finding

The present report refers to the following document:

D1: WO 99/13145 A (TEXTILMA AG; SPEICH FRANCISCO (CH)) 18 March 1999 (18-03-1999)

- 1.1 D1 is considered to be the nearest prior art with respect to the subject of claim 1. It discloses the preamble of claim 1.
- 1.2 The subject of claim 1 therefore differs from the known loom in that it has a second lifting device common to all the warp threads, in order to move the warp threads out of the first shedding position into a switching position active for the first lifting device and in order to move nonselected warp threads jointly into the first shedding position as a result of the pretensioning of the warp threads.
- 2.1 The object to be achieved by means of the present invention may thus be seen in simplifying the design of the shedding device, but while maintaining a high working speed.
- 2.2 The proposed solution, specifically, in particular, the use of a second common lifting device, is neither known from the existing prior art nor suggested by this prior art.
- 2.3 The subject of claim 1 is therefore novel, Article 33(2) PCT, and is based on inventive activity within the meaning of Article 33(3) PCT.

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3.1 Claims 2-22 are dependent on claim 1 and consequently likewise fulfill the requirements of the PCT as regards novelty and inventive activity.